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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Location of the Map Library Division, OBG

1. This memorandum is for your information only.

2. The Map Library Division is currently located in [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]. It is certainly true that this is an undesirable location from the Agency standpoint, and the Office of Logistics is fully cognizant of the difficult conditions confronting the Map Library and the services it supplies throughout the Metropolitan Washington Area. The National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) shares the very poor parking arrangement which the Map Library personnel have to face [REDACTED]. With less than desirable working conditions, awkward physical facilities, a poor local environment and the isolation of the Map Library, the Building Planning Staff (BPS), OL, has placed the Map Library Division in a high priority for ultimate relocation back to the Headquarters site.

3. If the Map Library Division is to be moved prior to its permanent relocation, there would be additional expenses to be met by the Government. Building [REDACTED] being a Government-owned property, is rent free. No facility is known of in a central location where the Map Library might be placed which could be acquired without rent. The Library is presently in a loft-type area and if placed in a more desirable structure would require as much as double its current floor space requirement for the map collection and reserve copies. It is quite probable that a move from [REDACTED] could result in a possible further removal from the Agency components and Department of State which are served by the Map Library Division. Also any new space in which the Library would be located would have to meet special purpose and weight requirements. This could require expensive construction or shoring up of an existing building.

4. Map Library Division personnel have free parking; however, only a few spaces are reserved. The rest of the parking is in a large open area on first-come basis. Therefore, many of the Map Library Division employees arrive as much as a half hour early in order to find a fairly convenient spot in which to park.

5. The unreliable elevator conditions with the alternative of walking up four flights of stairs is certainly a problem to be faced. There is one handicapped employee working in the Map Library and when the elevator is not running this

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25X1A6d poses an added problem. (It must be assumed that if the problem was serious, OBGI or DD/I would take the initiative in reassigning this individual.) It is intended that OBGI, including the Map Library Division, would be accommodated in the first building in the series of structures now being considered in the Master Plan for Agency consolidation at the Langley site. As a trade off to a very costly interim move, it might be possible to upgrade the present facilities in Building [REDACTED] particularly bringing the elevators up to reliable standards. The Office of Logistics is examining this matter further.

25X1A 6. Although the BPS is giving its top priority to preparing for the ultimate relocation of the NPIC, [REDACTED] complex, it is developing in a parallel plan an expansion arrangement for the Printing Services Building in which it is intended that OBGI will be accommodated. The long range relocation solution for OBGI's Map Library Division is to be found in early approval, funding, and construction of an addition to the Printing Services Building. The projection is that the Map Library Division thus could be permanently moved by 1975.

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